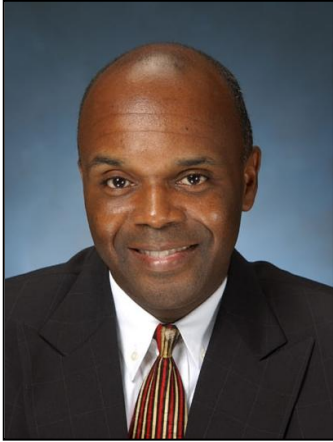




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Community Music School Names Patrick Jackson As New Conductor



The Community Music of Webster University (CMS) is pleased to announce **Patrick Jackson** as the new conductor of the Young People's Concert Orchestra. Mr. Jackson's orchestral experience is stellar, with highly acclaimed performances at all levels, including a recent debut at Carnegie Hall.

In the fall of 2009, Jackson was the recipient of the Missouri American String Teachers Association's "Secondary String Educator of the Year" award. He has been honored in Who's Who Among America's High School Teachers -- not once, but 17 times by former students. The Kirkwood School District honored him as the 2003-04 Teacher of the Year. Jackson was also the 2003 Emerson "Excellence in Teaching" award winner and was recognized the following year by The St. Louis American as one of its "Excellence in Education" honorees. Prior to his joining the Kirkwood

School District, Jackson taught in the Normandy School District and in St. Louis Public Schools.

Jackson's former students have won first prize in prestigious string competitions including the Avery Fisher Prize, the Sphinx Competition, Banff International Chamber Music Competition, and the Young Concert Artist Guild. Jackson's students have also attended top music schools nationwide, including The Juilliard School, Eastman School of Music, Yale School of Music, New England Conservatory, Oberlin Conservatory, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, and the Shepard School of Music at Rice University.

A native of McComb, Mississippi, Jackson received his B.M.E. from Jackson State University and his M.M. in Double Bass performance from the St. Louis Conservatory of Music. Currently, Jackson serves on the MSHSAA advisory committee for music. He is a member of the American String Teachers Association, M.M.E.A., M.E.N.C. and he is a past Vice-President of High School Orchestra for the St. Louis All-Suburban Music Educators Association.

Founded in 1925, CMS offers outstanding music education and performance opportunities to students of all ages and abilities and serves the entire St. Louis metropolitan region. Classes are available in University City, at Faust Park in West County, and at CMS headquarters located on the Webster University campus in Webster Groves. For more information, call 314-968-5939.

The Community Music School of Webster University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and is a certified member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education. The Community Music School receives assistance from the Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis and the Regional Arts Commission. Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Webster Groves, West County at Faust Park, and University City at Trinity Presbyterian

